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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BIENNIAL REPORT
of the
STATE EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS
for the
YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1974 and JUNE 30, 1975



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BIENNIAL REPORT
of the
BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 141 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1966, the Board of State Examiners of Electricians as constituted under the provisions of Section 32 of Chapter 13 of said law, herewith submits a biennial report of its doings in the fiscal years which ended on June 30, 1974 and June 30, 1975.

From the first day of July 1973 to the thirtieth day of June 1974 and the first day of July 1974 to the thirtieth day of June 1975, applicants were examined and the results of such examinations are shown in the following tables:

Results of Examinations held from July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

<u>Examinations</u>				<u>Examined</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Failed</u>
1973						
Boston	Tuesday	September	4	202	59	143
Worcester	Wednesday	September	5	73	36	37
Springfield	Tuesday	October	2	66	19	47
Pittsfield	Wednesday	October	3	10	4	6
Boston	Tuesday	November	6	105	57	48
Lowell	Wednesday	November	7	34	22	12
Boston	Tuesday	December	4	245	121	124
New Bedford	Wednesday	December	5)	77	36	41
New Bedford	Thursday	December	6)			
1974						
Boston	Tuesday	January	8	94	40	54
Lowell	Wednesday	January	9	20	7	13
Boston	Tuesday	February	5	107	48	59
Worcester	Wednesday	February	6	55	27	28
Boston	Tuesday	March	5	153	79	74
Fall River	Wednesday	March	6)	77	23	54
Fall River	Thursday	March	7)			
Boston	Tuesday	April	2	125	45	80
Springfield	Wednesday	April	3	96	46	50
Boston	Tuesday	May	7	151	85	66
Worcester	Wednesday	May	8	63	37	26
Boston (A.M.)	Tuesday	June	4	224	74	150
Boston (P.M.)	Tuesday	June	4	153	73	80
				2,130	938	1,192

Results of Examinations held from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

<u>Examinations</u>				<u>Examined</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Failed</u>
1974						
Boston	Tuesday	September	3	223	100	123
Worcester	Wednesday	September	4	68	35	33
Springfield	Tuesday	October	1	69	30	39
Pittsfield	Wednesday	October	2	25	10	15
Boston	Tuesday	November	5	130	87	43
Lowell	Wednesday	November	6	33	26	7
Boston (A.M.)	Tuesday	December	3	154	88	66
Boston (P.M.)	Tuesday	December	3	131	74	57
New Bedford	Wednesday	December	4)	87	49	38
New Bedford	Thursday	December	5)			
1975						
Boston	Tuesday	January	7	71	45	26
Lowell	Wednesday	January	8	13	9	4
Boston	Tuesday	February	4	81	47	34
Worcester	Wednesday	February	5	36	17	19
Boston	Tuesday	March	4	127	85	42
Fall River	Wednesday	March	5)	71	47	24
Fall River	Thursday	March	6)			
Boston	Tuesday	April	1	122	73	49
Springfield	Wednesday	April	2	72	36	36
Boston	Tuesday	May	6	111	74	37
Worcester	Wednesday	May	7	48	31	17
Boston	Tuesday	June	3	218	121	97
New Bedford	Wednesday	June	4	49	7	42
				1,939	1,091	848

EXAMINATIONS 1976

Examinations are scheduled to be held at the following points and on the following dates:

Boston	Tuesday	February	3
Worcester	Wednesday	February	4
Fall River	Thursday	February	5
Boston	Tuesday	April	6
Springfield	Wednesday	April	7
Boston	Tuesday	June	1
New Bedford	Wednesday	June	2
Boston	Tuesday	September	7
Worcester	Wednesday	September	8
Fall River	Thursday	September	9
Boston	Tuesday	November	2
Springfield	Wednesday	November	3
Pittsfield	Thursday	November	4
Boston	Tuesday	December	7
New Bedford	Wednesday	December	8
Lowell	Thursday	December	9

CERTIFICATES

Certificates issued during the following fiscal years:	1974	1975
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*Masters (Class A)	370	373
*Journeymen (Class B)	721	837

Certificates Renewed:

Masters (Class A)	493	4,045
Journeymen (Class B)	1,392	15,987

Certified Statements of Registration Issued:

Masters (Class A)	5	4
Journeymen (Class B)	75	67

Duplicate Certificates Issued

Masters (Class A)	1	3
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*These figures include those who passed the regular examination, those who were licensed after appeal, and those licensed on the basis of a previous examination.

MEETINGS

Regular and special meetings of the Board were held on the following dates in the following fiscal years:

1974

Monday, July 23, 1973
Monday, August 27, 1973
Monday, September 24, 1973
Tuesday, October 23, 1973
Monday, November 26, 1973
Friday, December 28, 1973
Monday, January 28, 1974
Thursday, February 14, 1974
(Public Hearing)
Monday, February 25, 1974
Monday, March 24, 1974
Monday, April 22, 1974
Tuesday, May 28, 1974
Monday, June 24, 1974

1975

Monday, July 22, 1974
Monday, August 26, 1974
Monday, September 23, 1974
Tuesday, October 29, 1974
Monday, November 25, 1974
Wednesday, December 18, 1974
Monday, January 27, 1975
Monday, February 24, 1975
Monday, March 24, 1975
(Public Hearing)
Monday, April 28, 1975
Tuesday, May 27, 1975
Monday, June 9, 1975 (Special Meeting)
Monday, June 23, 1975

1975 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following tables show the receipts and expenditures of the State Examiners of Electricians for the fiscal years 1974 and 1975:

RECEIPTS

<u>MASTERS</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Applications Fees	\$ 9,895.00	\$ 9,865.00
Renewal Fees	19,500.00	161,600.00
Issuing Fees	9,250.00	9,325.00
Duplicate Certificates	5.00	15.00
Certified Statements	5.00	4.00
Deferred Renewals	500.00	60.00
Total Fees From Masters	\$ 39,155.00	\$ 180,869.00

JOURNEYMEN

Application Fees	\$ 7,045.00	\$ 6,193.00
Renewal Fees	13,875.00	159,855.00
Issuing Fees	2,163.00	2,511.00
Certified Statements	75.00	67.00
Deferred Renewals	1,920.00	220.00
Total Fees from Journeymen	\$ 25,078.00	\$ 168,846.00
Board of Electricians' Appeals Fees	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
Miscellaneous		13.15
Sales	236.55	189.70
Total Fines Paid To Commonwealth	\$ 256.55	\$ 242.85
Total Fees Paid To Treasurer of Commonwealth	\$ 64,489.55	\$ 349,957.85

EXPENDITURES

Travel	\$ 7,707.17	\$ 9,463.70
Accounts Payable	1,292.83	1,036.30
Members' Services	2,632.89	2,972.82
Salaries	98,562.20	106,464.41
Accounts Payable	312.06	45.40
Additional Clerical Assistance		
Accounts Payable		
General Expenses	7,007.40	5,998.01
Accounts Payable	721.28	5,314.49
Total Expenditures	\$ 118,235.83	\$ 131,295.13

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John F. Cullen, Executive Secretary
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BIENNIAL REPORT

The attached financial report shows the Income and Expenditures for a two-year fiscal period from July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1975. The total receipts for the period were \$414,447.40 with expenditures of \$249,530.96.

The Board therefore realized a surplus of \$164,916.44 for a two-year period. There are 3,962 master electricians and 15,793 journeyman electricians actively licensed by the Board through June 30, 1975.

The number of applicants examined in the fiscal period covered by this report were 2,130 for 1974 and 1,939 for 1975. The figures indicate, by comparison with prior Biennial Reports, the continuing influx into the electrical industry of those citizens desirous of deriving their livelihood from this ever expanding field of endeavor.

The increase of participants in the electrical field and the rapidly changing methods of electrical technology installations in turn places additional responsibilities on the Board and its staff. It is reflected in the number of applicants being examined, the awareness of a public that is consumer orientated in the number of complaints registered, investigations, inspections, in plant visitations, additional work load on the office personnel, special meetings, Board and Public Hearings and Board of Electricians' Appeals meetings and hearings.

The Board has attempted through the years to upgrade and to increase the office personnel to compensate for their extra duties and responsibilities to no avail. It would therefore be an exercise in futility to delve into a further statement of this nature in this report.

The following is a list of Board Members and employee changes as it affects the complement of the Board since the last Biennial Report:

Joseph A. Ross, Investigator, appointed provisional on August 12, 1974
Ulysses G. Marshall, Investigator, appointed provisional on June 2, 1974
Edward W. Powers, Director of Civil Service, appointed on August 14, 1973
Dr. Patrick J. Weagraff, Associate Commissioner, Division of Occupational Education, appointed on January 14, 1975
John F. Cullen, certified from Civil Service List as permanent Executive Secretary on July 18, 1973
Janice E. Arciero, permanent Junior Clerk and Stenographer, appointed on September 8, 1974
Joseph G. Sneider, State Fire Marshal, Chairman of the Board, reappointed on February 14, 1974
Irving Shapiro, Public Service Member, appointed on July 15, 1974
Dominic C. Melaragni, Master Electrician Member, reappointed on December 24, 1974
Hugh Murray, Local Wire Inspector Member, appointed on December 18, 1974
Joseph L. Hall, appointed as Journeyman Electrician Member on December 31, 1974

The statistical report shows the number of applicants examined, the number of applicants passed, the number of applicants failed, the number of examinations held, the number of licenses issued, the number of licenses renewed, the number of Board

meetings held, etc. The agency initiated steps to prosecute persons in the following courts with the assistance of the Attorney General's Office;

West Roxbury District Court - Case dismissed
State Supreme Court - Finding for the Board
Boston District Court - Case Dismissed
Woburn District Court - Guilty Finding
New Bedford District Court - Not Guilty
Suffolk Superior Court - Restraining Order pending against Board

The Committee on Appeals for examinations met four times to review requests for appeal of examination grades.

The State Building Code Commission held numerous meetings of its Technical Code Council in which representation was present from the Board.

The Board Members conducted ten manufacturing plant visits to aid them in their deliberations in making decisions on hearings before the Board.

The Office of the Attorney General was requested to answer six opinions relative to interpretations of Chapters 141, 143 and 166 of the General Laws.

The Board of Electricians' Appeals held fifteen meetings which included hearings held before the Board.

The Board of State Examiners of Electricians conducted two Public Hearings relative to amendments to its Rules for Electric Wiring in Massachusetts and relative to adopting Rules and Regulations for Manufactured Buildings, Building Components and Mobile Homes which are manufactured out of state for shipment into this state and at which time have not been adopted, pending clarification of C. 166 of the General Laws from the Attorney General

The Board filed five bills for legislation in 1975 for the purpose of clarifying Section 1 of Chapter 141 of the General Laws; to delete the printing of the list of registered electricians; to obtain injunctive powers and to further define those companies exempted from certain laws relative to electrical work. All bills were killed in the House of Representatives. Chapter 13, Section 32 of the General Laws was amended by C. 835 of the Acts of 1974 by striking out, in line 2, the words "director of civil service" and inserting in place thereof the words: "personnel administrator".


Under the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 141 of the General Laws and Sections 10 and 11 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws, the Board after hearings had been held imposed the following penalties:


Suspensions Stayed.....3


Suspended Indefinitely..... 3

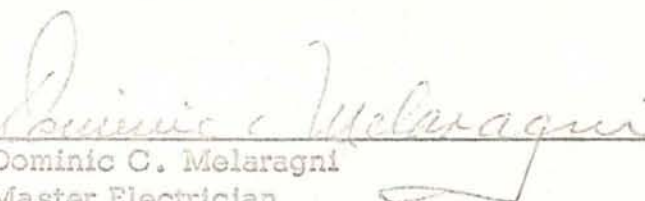
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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS

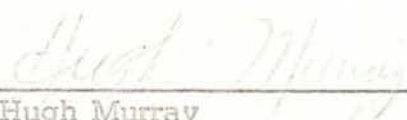

Joseph G. Sneider, Chairman
State Fire Marshal

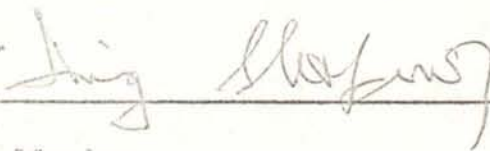

Wallace H. Kountze, Personnel Administrator
Division of Personnel Administration


Dr. Patrick J. Weagraff, Associate Commissioner
Division of Occupational Education

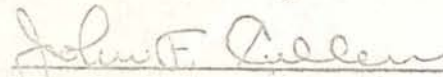

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November 1, 1975


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